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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005, applicant makes the following election in response to the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed three groups of claims, Group I for claims 1-23 drawn to a polyamide composition, Group II drawn to a multiplayer film, and Group III for claims 39-42 drawn to a process for making a multilayered article. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claim Group I directed to claims 1-23 for examination. However, the restriction requirement is traversed. It should be noted, the Commissioner may statutorily require the election of inventions "If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application." In the instant case the Examiner is alleging that the inventions of groups one and two are distinct, although absolutely no showing of such distinctness has been made.